

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

Application Scoring Process

☐ **PART I - Applies to all applications.**

Max. Points Part I, 325

☐ **PART IIA-D - Applies as an addendum to specific types of projects.**

Only one selection, A, B, C, D of Part II may be used.

❖ II-A: Apply to **Committed Economic Development Projects**, where there is a commitment from a business to locate, expand, or establish. Max. Points 120 + Part I, 325 = 445

❖ II-B: Apply to **Speculative Economic Development Projects**, such as industrial parks or business incubators. Max. Points 80 + Part I, 325 = 405

❖ II-C: Apply to **Community Development Projects**, where the objective is the improvement of the quality of life of those served by the project rather than directly or indirectly for economic development. Max. Points 120 + Part I, 325 = 445

❖ II-D: Apply to **Operational Projects** as opposed to infrastructure projects, where DRA funds may be used to pay for salaries and other operational costs. Max. Points 120 + Part I, 325 = 445

❖ The Minimum Target Threshold for each project is 65% of the totals of Parts I & II combined.

Understanding the Point System

- 1) Each of the criteria categories have a value based on the project's importance to Delta Regional Authority's mission. The first three criteria categories have been designated as "Thresholds" which means the criteria must be met for the project to be eligible for funding.
- 2) Each project may be scored on a scale ranging from 0 to 5 points, based on the type of project. Only one point choice may be selected per category.
- 3) The points for each category may be determined by multiplying the criteria value by the project score. Example: PART I-8 project location; a project in a distressed county/parish would receive a score of 25 (5 points x 5 value), while a project in a pocket-of-poverty would receive a score of 12 (3 points x 4 value).
- 4) The final points for each category may be determined by adding the point totals in PART I and PART II.

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Project Score Sheet

Name of Project: _____

Applicant: _____

LDD: _____ Federal ID # _____

DRA Funds Requested: _____ ** Type of Funds: _____

Application Date: _____ County: _____

Projected Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

**Office use only.

	SUMMARY OF TOTAL POINTS	
	Maximum Points	Category Scoring Total
PART I	325	
PART II	A. = 120 B. = 80 C. = 120 D. = 120	A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____
TOTAL SCORE	PART I & PART II	
TARGET THRESHOLD	65% of Maximum Points	

DRA REVIEWER: _____ DATE: _____

PART I (All projects)	Points	Important Information (Office Use Only)
1. Legislation (Project is eligible in DRA Legislation) <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is a State, public, or nonprofit entity	Threshold	
2. Regional Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Project is eligible under DRA regional plan (Refer to applicant's attached explanation.)	Threshold	
3. State Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Project is eligible under state DRA plan. (Refer to applicant's attached explanation.)	Threshold	
4. Priority Considerations - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> (a) Project relates directly or indirectly to economic development <input type="checkbox"/> (b) Project will impact an area of low income, high unemployment, and high poverty <input type="checkbox"/> (c) Project funding is adequate for successful implementation <input type="checkbox"/> (d) Project is important to achieve the goals of regional and state plans <input type="checkbox"/> (e) Project will have a permanent rather than temporary impact or socio-economic conditions <input type="checkbox"/> (f) Project outputs and outcomes can be identified and evaluated	5 5 5 5 5 5	
5. Project Focus - Value 4 ✓ Transportation Infrastructure ✓ Basic Public Infrastructure ✓ Workforce Development ✓ Business Development <input type="checkbox"/> Project relates directly to one or more DRA's four areas of emphasis <input type="checkbox"/> Project relates indirectly to one or more DRA's four areas of emphasis <input type="checkbox"/> Project has no relationship to DRA's four areas of emphasis	5 3 0	
6. DRA Initiative - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Project implements a publicly announced DRA initiative	5	
7. Governor's Initiative - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Project implements a publicly announced Governor's initiative	5	

PART I - Continued (All projects)	Points	Important Information (Office Use Only)
8. Project Location - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Project is located in a distressed county/parish <input type="checkbox"/> Project is located in a pocket-of-poverty (so designated by the DRA) <input type="checkbox"/> Other location	5 3 0	
9. Outputs (tabulation, calculation of activity or effort expressed in a quantitative and qualitative manner) - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Outputs are identified and quantified <input type="checkbox"/> Outputs identified but not quantified <input type="checkbox"/> Outputs not identified	5 3 0	
10. Outcomes (Results produced) - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes are identified and quantified <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes identified but not quantified <input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes not identified	5 3 0	
11. Reasonableness of Costs - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Costs seem reasonable for type and magnitude of project <input type="checkbox"/> Costs appear to be somewhat high or low for type and magnitude of project <input type="checkbox"/> Costs appear to be excessively high or low for type and magnitude of project	5 3 0	
12. Project Impact - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Project will have a regional (multi-state impact) <input type="checkbox"/> Project will have a multi county/parish impact <input type="checkbox"/> Project will have a local (single county/parish) impact	5 3 1	
13. Funding Schedule - Value 4 <input type="checkbox"/> All necessary funding is approved <input type="checkbox"/> All necessary funding has been requested <input type="checkbox"/> All necessary funding has been identified <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary funds have not been identified	5 3 1 0	
PART I TOTAL.....	Maximum Points 325	

PART II-A Committed Economic Development Projects (Business location/Expansion/Formation)	Points	Important Information (Office Use Only)
1. Company Commitment - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Required, written commitment for jobs, investment, and time-line <input type="checkbox"/> Intent, but no written commitment <input type="checkbox"/> No statement of intent from company	5 3 0	
2. Company Financial/Management Capacity - Value 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term success is probable <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term success is possible <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term success is improbable	5 3 0	
3. DRA Cost Per Direct Permanent Job - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to \$2500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2501 to \$5000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5001 to \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Greater than \$10,000	5 3 1 0	
4. Ratio (%) of DRA Funding to Fed/State/Local/Other Match - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:100 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:75 <input type="checkbox"/> 1:50 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1:50	5 3 5 0	
5. Preliminary Engineering Report - Value 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not submitted	5 0	
6. Company is a Basic Industry - Value 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	5 0	
7. Market Location - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Company will have a national and international market <input type="checkbox"/> Company will have a national or international market <input type="checkbox"/> Company will have a regional (multi-state) market <input type="checkbox"/> Company will have a local (intra-state) market	5 3 1 0	
PART II-A TOTAL	Maximum Points 120	

PART II-B Speculative Economic Development Projects (Including Transportation/Highway Projects)	Points	Important Information (Office Use Only)
1. Competing Facilities or Asset - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Some <input type="checkbox"/> Major	5 3 0	
2. Agency Responsible for Marketing - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced, good track record <input type="checkbox"/> Newly formed, little or no experience <input type="checkbox"/> None identified	5 3 0	
3. Timing of Impact - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 years	5 3 0	
4. Preliminary Engineering Report - Value 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Submitted	5 0	
5. Supporting Facilities or Asset Required for Success - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> All are existing <input type="checkbox"/> Planned and funded <input type="checkbox"/> Planned but not funded <input type="checkbox"/> Not planned	5 3 1 0	
PART II-B TOTAL.....	Maximum Points 80	

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PART II-C – Continued Community Development Projects	Points	Important Information (Office Use Only)
5. Preliminary Engineering Report - Value 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Submitted	5 0	
6. Documentation of Problem - Value 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Objective, from outside agency/source <input type="checkbox"/> Media information <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of support <input type="checkbox"/> No documentation provided	5 3 1 0	
PART II-C TOTAL	Maximum Points 120	

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PART II-D Operational Projects	Points	Important Information (Office Use Only)
1. Magnitude of Problem - Value 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Solves health/safety problem <input type="checkbox"/> Improves living conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Removes inconveniences and improves quality of public services <input type="checkbox"/> Does not address current problem	5 3 1 0	
2. Local Priority - Value 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Long-standing (greater than 5 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Near-term (3-5 years) <input type="checkbox"/> New (less than 3 years) <input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of local priority	5 3 1 0	
3. Meets Acceptable Standards for Project/ Situation - Value 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat <input type="checkbox"/> No	5 3 0	
4. Documentation of Problem - Value 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Objective, from outside agency/source <input type="checkbox"/> Media information <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of support <input type="checkbox"/> No documentation provided	5 3 1 0	
5. Grantee - Value 2 <input type="checkbox"/> State or local government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit <input type="checkbox"/> None identified	5 3 0	
6. Experience of Operating Agency - Value 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term, no problems <input type="checkbox"/> New, no problems <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term, some problems <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term, major problems	5 3 1 0	
7. Financial Plans after DRA Funding -Value 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Firm commitments <input type="checkbox"/> Reasonable Expectations <input type="checkbox"/> Unreasonable or none identified	5 3 0	
PART II-D TOTAL	Maximum	
	Points 120	

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Project Approval/Disapproval

Threshold Requirements

All requirements have been met and the project is eligible for funding.

290-445 Points

The project has met all qualifying criteria for approved funding.

Acceptance Notification sent – Date: _____

Reviewer: _____

100-289 Points

Approval denied. Subject to the Federal Co-Chairman requesting additional information from the submitting State.

The project maybe rescored and approved based on additional information provided.

Less than 100 Points

Federal Co-Chair will not approve project with justification to follow.

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